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SUBJECT: FRENCH REPROCESSING PLANT FOR PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 188195

1. I SAW DE LABOULAYE WITH ALLEN LOCKE AND CONVEYED THE MESSAGE IN REFTEL. DE LABOULAYE ONCE AGAIN STRESSED THE GREAT SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER BY SAYING PERHAPS ONLY FIVE PEOPLE IN GOF WERE AWARE OF THIS PLAN AND THAT CERTAIN KEY SENIOR MINISTERS HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED. INDEED THE FRENCH NUCLEAR EXPORT COUNCIL WOULD NOT MEET ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL SEPT 8 WHICH IS THE DAY THEY WILL ALSO SPEAK TO THE PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE AGHA SHAHI. THEREFORE I STRESS ONCE AGAIN THE NECESSITY OF HOLDING THIS INFORMATION VERY CLOSELY.

2. DE LABOULAYE SAID THAT DURING GERRY SMITH'S LAST VISIT HERE THIS FRENCH PROCESS WAS DESCRIBED TO HIM AS A POSSIBILITY FOR APPLICATION AT THE LA HAGUE FACILITY

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BUT NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO ITS POSSIBLE USE IN CONNECTION WITH PAKISTAN. UNFORTUNATELY THE ONE TECHNICIAN WHO KNOWS THE DETAILS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATER IN AUGUST, BUT IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS FROM ALLEN LOCKE, DE LABOULAYE GAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

(1) THERE WOULD BE NO FREE PLUTONIUM AT ANY STAGE IN THE REPROCESSING (HE USED THE TERM CO-PROCESSING BUT INDICATED THAT THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE PRECISE TECHNICAL WORD FOR WHAT FRENCH EXPERTS HAD IN MIND.)

(2) APPARENTLY THE PRODUCT WOULD REQUIRE THE ADDITION OF FRESH ENRICHED URANIUM BEFORE BEING USABLE AS FUEL.

LOCKE WILL SUPPLY FURTHER DETAILS UPON HIS RETURN.

3. I STRESS THAT WE DO NEED FURTHER DETAILS BEFORE BEING ABLE TO TAKE A DECISION ON POTENTIAL INTERVENTION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 669 AND 670 AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. (I NOTE THAT THE REFTEL DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM BUT FOR MY OWN INFORMATION I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF, OTHER CONDITIONS BEING MET, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF US ASSISTANCE TO MEET ADDITIONAL COSTS.) IN ANY CASE, DE LABOULAYE INDICATED THAT OUR INTERVENTION IN ISLAMABAD WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO MID-SEPTEMBER AND EVEN THEN WE WOULD ONLY HAVE TO INDICATE A GENERAL VIEW SINCE WE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO GIVE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER UNTIL THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND PAKISTAN HAD PRODUCED A NEW SET OF PLANS.

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